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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

NOVEMBER 2, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, November 2, 1992, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. The Senate Chair, Joan McGill, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

*D. Calitri	R. Creek	*W. Davis
V. Falkenberg	D. Feltner	J. Frazier
*R. Hopkins	R. James	*M. Klatte
*T. Knight	T. Myers	*T. Ricks
W. Schulz	S. Titus	H. Tracy

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were Dr. Ronald J. Messerich, Philosophy and Religion; Dr. Kenneth T. Clawson, Education Studies; Tom Marshall, Lexington Herald-Leader; and Mr. Joe Castle, Eastern Progress.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair McGill called for corrections to the October 5, 1992, minutes. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: DR. FUNDERBURK

President Funderburk reported that the state has asked state universities to come up with a plan to cut an additional two percent in state funding from their budgets in case of revenue shortfalls. Eastern has placed two percent of state appropriations or \$931,900 in reserve until further notice is received from the state. He mentioned that \$466,400 of the cuts will come from tuition money received from increased student enrollment that had not been budgeted and the remainder from the current operating budget for the 1992-1993 year. He stated that vice presidents, deans, and directors are presently developing plans to handle the cuts. The cuts affect all state agencies except elementary and secondary education. The Interim House Appropriations and Revenue Committee has raised questions about the equality of the cuts.

The president mentioned that the NCATE accreditation team visited the campus last week. Dean Henson told the president that the eighteen criteria of the committee had been met by the College of Education.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR MCGILL

The Executive Committee met on October 19, 1992. Reports were received from the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the Calendar and the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Merit Pay. The Executive Committee has begun to look at university policies and procedures affecting non-traditional students. Currently the consensus is that most issues can be handled within the current university structure. To help establish some parameters on this issue, the Chair will meet with those who are currently responsible for policies and procedures related to students in general. Faculty who work with and/or have a special interest in non-traditional students are encouraged to submit their ideas to the Chair or any member of the Executive Committee. A progress report will be given at the next Senate meeting.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR FREED

Senator Freed reported that he attended the recent COSFL meeting. Also, he attended a Regents' Retreat several weeks ago; the retreat was designed to help new members of the board understand how the university works. Freed indicated that this is an active and good board which is concerned about the university.

Freed met with Mr. James Gilbert, Chair of the Board, who expressed a willingness to meet with the faculty. The Board is scheduled to meet again next week.

REPORT FROM COSFL: SENATOR W. WRIGHT

Senator W. Wright reported that COSFL met on October 17, 1992, at the University of Louisville. The group discussed a post-tenure review policy and two track faculties (one for teaching and one for research). In university reports Murray State University reported having taken seven years to put together a Faculty Handbook; Western Kentucky University acknowledged elimination of its legal office and the development office; the University of Kentucky noted that it has one administrator for every four and a half faculty; and Morehead State University said it has a new president with a new attitude.

Senator Wright mentioned that there was discussion about the possibility of sending a letter from COSFL to Governor Jones about the serious problem of budget cuts. No letter was sent, however. The next meeting will be December 5, 1992.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Ad Hoc Committee on the Calendar: Senator R. Davis

Senator R. Davis submitted a list of motions concerning changes to the calendar. The final motions and outcome were:

1. Senator R. Davis moved that the school calendar be moved up two days. Thus, classes would begin on Tuesday and end on Friday. Also, final exams would begin on Monday and end on Friday. Discussions centered around the number of class days per term, the difference in the number of hours between one semester and another, students need for more time to complete preparations (finance, books, vehicle registration) before classes begin, and the number of finals per day. The motion failed by voice vote.
2. Senator R. Davis moved that the instructor of Monday night classes decide when and how to meet 15 times during the semester. It will be his/her option to extend the time of each class meeting or meet at an alternate time. Senator W. Wright offered a substitute to the motion to read that Monday night classes must meet 15 times regardless of a holiday. Senator Engle seconded the substitute. After considerable discussion Senator W. Wright offered a substitute amendment to his substitute to replace "that the instructor of Monday night classes decide when and how to meet 15 times during a semester" with "that the Dean of Undergraduate Studies will provide for 15 night sessions in every relevant case." Senator Freed seconded the substitute amendment. The Senate approved by voice votes the substitute amendment to the substitute and the substitute to the motion. Then the Senate approved by voice vote the motion as amended to read: "that the Dean of Undergraduate Studies will provide for 15 night sessions in every relevant case."
3. Senator R. Davis moved that an orientation for all transfer students be established to explain the flip Friday schedule and other issues that are new for transfer students. After considerable discussion, Senator W. Wright offered an amendment to strike out "the flip Friday schedule and other." Senator Gale seconded the amendment. The amendment was approved by voice vote. The Senate then approved by voice vote the amended motion.

Study Committee on Ethics in Research and Teaching: Dr. Messerich

Dr. Ronald Messerich, Chair of the Committee, presented a preliminary report on one of the committee's charges--to look at policies and procedures governing misconduct in science cases. He stated that this committee is still studying procedures for

handling misconduct cases and that the committee is close to making final recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Rowlett moved the adoption of a proposal to change the wording of the policy on Academic Bankruptcy of Eastern Work. Senator Gale seconded the motion. After considerable discussion concerning the rationale for the change Senator Miller moved to postpone the motion to the next meeting. Senator Rowlett seconded the motion. The motion to postpone was approved by voice vote.

Senator Rowlett moved approval of all proposals submitted by the College of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Athletics to change the names of certain majors and minors. Senator Baugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Rowlett moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary